

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**January 1, 2012**

**2:00 p.m.**

**East Windsor Township Senior Center**

The reorganization meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2012.

Township Clerk Cindy A. Dye certified that the meeting was noticed in the Annual Notice as a regular meeting. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Municipal Building, all on December 2, 2011. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

**INVOCATION:**

Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold, Beth El Synagogue led the invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Brown Troop 70111 – Jordan Batista, Courtney Hupfl and Jillian Schneider led the flag salute.

**READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND  
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:**

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, two thousand eleven MARC LIPPMAN was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council".

New Jersey State Senator Linda R. Greenstein administered the Oath of Office to Marc Lippman.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, two thousand eleven JANICE S. MIRONOV was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council".

New Jersey State Senator Linda R. Greenstein administered the Oath of Office to Janice S. Mironov.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, two thousand eleven PETER V. YEAGER was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council".

New Jersey State Senator Linda R. Greenstein administered the Oath of Office to Peter V. Yeager.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said

County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, two thousand eleven JOHN H. ZOLLER was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council”.

New Jersey State Senator Linda R. Greenstein administered the Oath of Office to John H. Zoller.

**ROLL CALL OF THE 2012 COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Hector Duke, Marc Lippman, Janice S. Mironov, Alan Rosenberg, Perry M. Shapiro, Peter Yeager and John Zoller were present.

Mayor Mironov welcomed the new members of Council and thanked the voters of East Windsor Township for allowing these great people to join the Council

Mayor Janice S. Mironov called for nominations for Mayor. Council Member Perry Shapiro was recognized from the floor and nominated Janice S. Mironov. Council Member Alan Rosenberg seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Janice S. Mironov was elected Mayor.

Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes administered the oath of office to Mayor Janice S. Mironov.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:**

Mayor Mironov opened the floor for nomination of Deputy Mayor. Council Member Marc Lippman nominated Perry Shapiro. Council Member Hector Duke seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Perry Shapiro was elected Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Janice S. Mironov administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro.

**APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL:**

Township Attorney (1 year term)

Peter Yeager nominated David E. Orron. Hector Duke seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, David E. Orron was appointed Township Attorney.

Township Prosecutor (1 year term)

Alan Rosenberg nominated Jeffrey Rubin. Perry Shapiro seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Jeffrey Rubin was appointed Township Prosecutor.

Township Public Defender (1 year term)

John Zoller nominated Robert M. Schwartz. Hector Duke seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Robert M. Schwartz was appointed Township Public Defender.

Township Attorney Orron read the following list of names of Township Board and Committee appointments:

Clean Communities Advisory Committee:

2 Members - 3 year terms - Arthur Radford and Richard Warren

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term - Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Member Alan Rosenberg

Commission on Aging:

3 Members - 3 year terms - Ondina Jeffers, Sydelle Norris and Dilys Henninger

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term- Council Member John Zoller

Economic Development Committee:

2 Members - 3 year terms - Denise Daniels and Matthew Franke

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term – Mayor Janice Mironov

Health Advisory Board:

1 Members – 5 year term - Marsha Weinstein

1 Member (unexpired term 12/31/14) - Hattie Blanchard

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term – Council Member Hector Duke

Local Assistance Board:

Township Council Member - 1 year term – Council Member Hector Duke

Planning Board:

Class III Township Council Member-1 year term – Council Member Perry Shapiro

3 Class IV Members - 4 year term - Edward Kelley, Simon Berman and Anthony Catana

1 Class IV Member, Alt #1 – 2 year term – James Brady

Recreation Commission:

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term – Council Member Peter Yeager

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

3 Member - 5 year term - Caroline Berdzik, Walter T. Daniels, Jr. and Caroline Gargione Garcia

Perry Shapiro moved to nominate all of the above Committee members. The nomination was seconded by Alan Rosenberg.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, the above Committee and Board members were appointed.

**APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR:**

Environmental Commission:

2 Members - 3 year terms – Edward Kelley and Lenox Ng

1 Member (unexpired term 12/31/12) – Dana Schatzle

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term – Council Member John Zoller

Planning Board:

Class II - Township Official (Other Than a Member of Council) – 1 year term – Construction Official Roman Petruniak

Auxiliary Members to Township Boards and Committees (1 year terms):

Mayor Mironov appointed the following persons as Auxiliary Members:

Environmental Commission – Melissa Van Liew

Health Advisory Board – Mattie Cramer

Municipal Alliance Committee: Mayor’s Representative - 1 year term – Council Member Peter Yeager

Fire Companies: Township Council Liaison – 1 year term – Council Member Marc Lippman and Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro

Rescue Squads: Township Council Liaison – 1 year term – Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro and Council Member Alan Rosenberg

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None

Mayor Mironov recognized the following elected officials: New Jersey State Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman DeAngelo, Assemblyman Benson, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer County Surrogate Diane Gerofsky, Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello, Mercer County Freeholder Chair Lucy Walter, Mercer County Freeholder John Cimino, Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder Anthony Carabelli, Mercer County Freeholder Pat Colavita, Mercer County Freeholder Samuel Frisby, Mercer County Freeholder Andrew Koontz, Hightstown Borough Mayor Steven Kirson, Hightstown Borough Council Member Larry Quattrone, Hightstown Borough Council Member Gail Doran, Hightstown Borough Council Member Elect Susan Bluth and Hightstown Borough Council Member Elect Robert Thibault. Mayor Mironov also recognized former East Windsor Council Member and coordinator for the Senior Center Sylvia Weiss, Dick Lee, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Chief Barry Rashkin, former Mercer County Freeholder and County Chair Liz Muio, former Hightstown Borough Council Member Michael Vanderbeck and former Hightstown Borough Council Member and current Borough Administrator Michael Theokas.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2012-1 Designating Date, Time and Place of Meetings of Council for 2012

Resolution R2012-2 Designating Official Newspapers

Resolution R2012-3 Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

Resolution R2012-4 Certifying Agent for PERS & PFRS

Resolution R2012-5 Designating Official Bank Depositories

Resolution R2012-6 By-Laws of Council for Year 2012

It was moved by Marc Lippman and seconded Hector Duke that Resolutions R2012-1, R2012-2, R2012-3, R2012-4, R2012-5, and R2012-6 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolutions R2012-1, R2012-2, R2012-3, R2012-4, R2012-5, and R2012-6 were approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Mironov presented the following individuals with Certificates of Appreciation to Volunteers: Caroline Berdzik, Hattie Blanchard, Anthony Catana, Denise Daniels, Ondina Jeffers, Edward Kelley and Sydelle Norris. She thanked these individuals for their service and dedication.

Mayor Mironov recognized Dick Cunningham for Spotlight East Windsor and for all the assistance that he provides throughout the year.

**OTHER RECOGNITIONS:**

Mayor Mironov recognized past Council Members Walter T. Daniels, Jr. and Marsha Weinstein for their many years of dedicated service and presented them with a gift from Mayor and Council.

**STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND MAYOR:**

Council Member Rosenberg stated that another year has gone by. This past year was a challenge, but East Windsor is still standing and continues to stand strong. In the coming year, the budget will be just as tough to deal with as it was in the past. Maintaining services will, as always, be in the forefront of our efforts, as will open space, green acres and preserved farmland. Even in the face of all the difficulties American towns and New Jersey towns in particular face, he still thinks of himself a very fortunate man. He stated that he has a wonderful family and friends and he is fortunate to serve with fine people. This is his tenth year in serving and he has learned something every year and is a better person for it. He thanked the resident for re-electing these fine people into office.

Council Member Yeager thanked the residents of East Windsor for their support. This is a very humbling experience. Mr. Yeager thanked Mayor Mironov and Council Members for their support. He thanked his family for all their support and the time they allow him to do this.

Council Member Zoller wished everyone a Happy New Year. He indicated that this was a very happy occasion for himself and his wife as he begins his first elected term as the newest Council Member. He recognized the many contributions of his colleagues. He thanked his running

mates for showing him how to conduct a successful election campaign. The thanked the Township's Democratic Club for his nomination and its continuous campaign support, as presided over by past Council Member Marsha Weinstein. Mr. Zoller thanked all the Democratic county and State running mates and standing officials who came out in support of the Township candidates at many of our many local public events this past summer and fall. He indicated that he looks forward to working with our excellent Mayor and Council on the business of the Township. He looks forward to working with the municipal employees and the many volunteers who run the Township so well and make it a great place it is to live and work.

Council Member Duke indicated that in all the years he has been on Council this is the first year that Marsha Weinstein will not be sitting next to him. He welcomed John Zoller. Mr. Duke continued over 16 years ago Marsha was instrumental in getting him involved in the East Windsor government. Over these years she has become a good friend and will be missed. During the past year our Township has seen several new stores and businesses open. We have repaved many miles of Township roads and streets; added acres of open space and new ball fields at Etra Park are in the process of being completed. Weekly attendance of our senior center has increased. He indicated that he is looking forward to working with the new Council Members. He thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Council Member Lippman thanked the residents of East Windsor for putting their trust in him for another term. Through the good times and not so good times our administration has been able to be responsive and effective. It is always the understanding that it is the East Windsor taxpayer who is most important. The way we have been so productive is teamwork. He thanked Marsha Weinstein, Walter Daniels, Perry Shapiro, Hector Duke and Alan Rosenberg for the guidance and friendship. He welcomed Peter Yeager and John Zoller. Most importantly, he thanked Mayor Janice Mironov. She has been a friend for many years and her leadership has been key to creating an administration that has been affective, caring and truly sensitive to the needs of our Township. We have a police department that is the best in the State; a public works department to be truly proud of and a municipal office that takes a great deal of pride in their work. This year the Mayor and Council has their work cut out for them. However, he can say that through their experience and dedication and the leadership of Mayor Mironov we can get through this year and continue to make residents of East Windsor proud of where they live. He wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Shapiro thanked Mayor Mironov and his colleagues on the Council for electing him Deputy Mayor. He welcomed John Zoller and Peter Yeager to Council. There are a lot of privileges for being on the Council; however, the biggest privilege is meeting many of the residents and State and county officials. He wished everyone for a very healthy and happy New Year.

Mayor Mironov stated that she would like to take a moment to look back at 2011 and look ahead to 2012. She indicated that it has been a difficult few years and she anticipates that 2012 will again be a very trying year in putting together our funding and finances and a spending plan.

The Council will do their best and will work off a philosophy that we are proactive in partnership and grant seeking. We will try very hard to exercise a fiscally conservative approach in doing our budget. She indicated that it would be a great help of the State legislature to give the municipalities back the energy tax receipts that were diverted from the municipalities, which made property tax higher. She also indicated that it would be helpful if State officials stop interfering with local planning decisions and not allowing good responsible communities to make decisions with our residents. She indicated that the Township will continue their high quality of services. She recognized Chief Spain, who has been a suburb leader in law enforcement for East Windsor. She also recognized Donna Suk, Municipal Court Administrator, who works hard to watch the dollar and generate dollars in an appropriate way. She recognized Township Manager Alan Fisher and Public Works Director Bill Askenstedt. She thanked all the employees for the great service and the ability to deliver such high quality and quantity of services to our residents.

Mayor Mironov stated that business development and economic vitality will continue to be important to this Council. The Council works very proactively to bring in new business and to keep new business. This is very important to East Windsor as it generates jobs, tax dollars and shopping opportunities. This past year had many successes under very trying times. The Township had a great deal of new retail join in our great centers. We have a number of new projects we hope to move forward including the recently approved Woodside Corner on Route 33, a new redevelopment project next to the Americana, Bottle King that will be moving into the former Randall's Furniture and several retail developments on Hickory Corner Road and Route 33, including the Promenade at East Windsor. In the area of Princeton-Hightstown Road, we had good success with McGraw Hill in finalizing their solar array, which is the largest net metered project in North America and is the Township's largest employer. Shiseido America also had renewable energy projects as well as a modest expansion a couple of years ago. Sci-Park Science and Technology Center is a new development in East Windsor on Old Trenton Road, which is getting its first tenant, Elementis, the first quarter of this year. Windsor Corporate Park has held a high level of tenancy and recently went under a transfer of ownership and we have great hopes that they will move forward on a 100,000 square foot addition that has already been approved. Windsor Center has received new tenants. There have also been new businesses in the turnpike area as well. Mayor Mironov indicated that she hopes that Conair will be moving forward with their previously approved additional. The Township is also working on a joint planning project with the Borough of Hightstown, the Route 33 Corridor Study, which received a \$100,000 grant to undertake. There are several residential developments that have been approved this past year.

Mayor Mironov stated that the Township's passion remains open space and farmland preservation. She indicated that the Council hopes in 2012 the State legislature promotes renewable energy, but in a thoughtful and prioritized way. The Governor has adopted an Energy Master Plan in December which mirrors what the Township Council believes is the correct, appropriate and a logical approach and we hope our legislatures can get in line behind that plan to come up with a good program for our State. The governing body has preserved over 2,600 acres, which is almost thirty percent of the Township. The Township has received over \$10

million in grants and private donations/funding. This year the Township closed on 30 acres on Disbrow Hill Road. In a few weeks the Township will close on approximately 40 acres on Etra Road as well as accept a donation of land on Airport Road, as well as Wyckoffs Mill Road. There are other projects that are in the pipeline that are being reviewed. Another important item is the reforestation from the Turnpike expansion. The Township is also looking into solar for the police/court building. The Township has filed for certification for Sustainable Jersey.

There are a number of transportation improvements that have been completed this past year. The Council completed Cedarville Road, Twin Rivers Drive from Jamestown to Evanston, Elm Drive, Meadow Lane and Hankins Road, with the cooperation of Robbinsville Township. Coming in 2012, the Council is looking at portions of Dutch Neck Road, portions of Hickory Corner Road as well as a continuation of our municipal roadway program. We are continuing to look at the Route 130/Conover Road project as well as the extension of the Lanning Boulevard extension south over to the Windsor Hights Shopping Center.

The Council has been very active in new pathways. We are in the process of completing the Disbrow Hill pathway with the grant that the Township received. The new playing fields will be completed and opened this year at Disbrow Hill park. We are continuing to work with our partners for a community center in East Windsor.

Mayor Mironov encouraged the community to get involved. The Township has great rescue and fire companies and she thanked the volunteers. There are e-news, newsletters, town meetings and Spotlight East Windsor to stay in touch with the community. She thanked everyone for their great support over the many years. She thanked all her members for the continued faith they have. She wished everyone a healthy, successful New Year. She thanked everyone for coming out today.

Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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CINDY A. DYE  
Municipal Clerk

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JANICE S. MIRONOV  
Mayor